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Introduction

Management, storage and disposal of transuranic (**TRU**) mixed waste in the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (**WIPP**) facility is subject to regulation under Title 20 of the New Mexico Administrative Code, Chapter 4, Part 1 (20.4.1 NMAC), Subpart V.

Module III of the permit authorizes the storage and management of contact-handled (**CH**) TRU mixed waste containers in the Waste Handling Building and Parking Area Container Storage Units. The technical requirements of 20.4.1.500 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §§264.170 to 264.178) are applied to the operation of the Waste Handling Building Container Storage Unit (**WHB Unit**), and the Parking Area Container Storage Unit (**Parking Area Unit**). Permit Attachment M1 describes the container storage units, the TRU mixed waste management facilities and operations, and compliance with the technical requirements of 20.4.1 NMAC.

The WIPP is a geologic repository mined within a bedded salt formation, which is defined in 20.4.1.100 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §260.10) as a miscellaneous unit. As such, hazardous waste management units (**HWMUs**) within the repository are eligible for permitting according to 20.4.1.101 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §260.10), and are regulated under 20.4.1.500 NMAC, Miscellaneous Units.

Module IV of the permit authorizes the management and disposal of CH TRU mixed waste containers in panels, also referred to as underground Hazardous Waste Disposal Units (**HWDUs**). The Disposal Phase will consist of receiving CH TRU mixed waste shipping containers, unloading and transporting the waste containers to the Underground HWDUs, emplacing the waste in the Underground HWDUs, and subsequently achieving closure of the Underground HWDUs in compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations. As required by 20.4.1.500 NMAC (incorporating 40 CFR §264.601), the Permittees shall ensure that the environmental performance standards for a miscellaneous unit, which are applied to the Underground HWDUs in the geologic repository, will be met. Permit Attachment M2 describes the HWDUs, the TRU mixed waste management facilities and operations, and compliance with the technical requirements of 20.4.1 NMAC.